

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Scott Barnes, Steve Mc Corkle, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Chairman Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL FUND

A public hearing was held at 9:00a.m. for the re-establishment of the Cumulative Capital Fund. Hearing no comments, Charles Smith moved to close the public hearing. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt the following ordinance was offered by Warren Norris and seconded by Janet Kile. Motion carried.

Minutes of the March 18th meeting were approved with two corrections under Raleigh Fire Department on a motion by Charles Smith and Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE

The Commissioners have recently entered into a contract with the Veteran Service Officer. The auditor requested a transfer of \$8,466.00 from appropriation 1-22-1-1 salary to 1-22-3-6 VSO contract to accommodate the transition. Marvin Hedrick moved to allow the transfer. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

An appointment to the redevelopment commission is needed to replace former councilman Jerry Kent. Marvin Hedrick nominated Charles Smith and Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD

A letter of resignation was received from John Mull appointee to the Alcoholic Beverage Board. The auditor was instructed to advertise for the vacancy on a motion by Steve McCorkle and seconded by Scott Barnes. Motion carried.

SALARY ORDINANCE

An amended salary ordinance was presented by the auditor. This amendment includes the bonus pay for employees from the CAGIT fund. The amendment does not include elected officials. The change for the Veteran Service Officer from salary to contract was also noted. Charles Smith moved to approve the amendment. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RETENTION POND

Scott Barnes reported that the issues of concern by the board in the construction of a retention pond north of Blue Ribbon Estates have been addressed. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to approve the project with the pond being subdivided from its current parcel. Councilman Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

The restructuring of the APC was presented by Scott Barnes. The proposed plan would consist of a five member Executive Board that would have hiring & firing powers. The office would consist of a Director, and Administrative Assistant and a City Building Inspector. Barnes reported that the County has never adopted the State building code leaving the county with a huge liability and could jeopardize disaster funding. A revised fee structure is also recommended. The proposal recognizes separate City & County APC and BZA boards.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jim Cowan reported that the inmate count is at 33. The second treatment for bedbugs was being conducted today. Since the dispatch area must be treated, dispatch will be moved to the mobile command center which will also be used as a training exercise. Cowan also discussed the use of a bedbug detecting dog and a heat chamber for bugs.

Currently there are four reserves and three additional in training. They will be assisting the department in the upcoming Milroy 5K walk, the Amish school sale, kindergarten roundup, and the high school prom. The sheriff noted that the buzz box has been fixed but there is a problem with the hot water pressure at the jail. Steve McCorkle would like to see a police escort of athletes to out of town sporting events.

Permission was granted for Cowan to hire Richard Gosser and Joe Jarman as jail co-commanders and Clayton Ratliff as a merit deputy to replace Mr. Gosser. Marvin Hedrick moved to allow the new hires. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Charles Smith moved to adjourn. Steve McCorkle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Scott Barnes
Scott Barnes

/s/ Steve McCorkle
Steve McCorkle

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor

